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Bahuroopi begins

Renowned writer Baraguru Ramachandrappa addressing the gathering after inaugurating Bahuroopi Film Festival at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana in city this morning as Karnataka Nataka Academy Chairman Dr. K.V. Nagarajamurthy, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur, Ranga Samaja Members Lakshmi Chandrashekar, H.S. Suresh Babu and M.S. Jahangir, Department of Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and Film Festival Co-ordinator B.N. Shashikala look on.

Rangayana and Kalamandira decked up for week-long national theatre extravaganza

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (MTY&VNS)- The 25th edition of the Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival began at Rangayana Mysuru premises with the inauguration of the Bahuroopi National Film Festival at Bhoomigeeta by renowned writer Baraguru Ramachandrappa this morning.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will formally inaugurate Bahuroopi tomorrow (Jan. 12) at 5.30 pm. Arrangements are underway for the inauguration of 'Janapada Utsava' at Kindarijogi premises today at 6 pm.

German tents have been erected at Kalamandira premises, where books, handicrafts and clothes stalls are being set up. Separate arrangements are being made for setting up food stalls.

Remembering 'Baba Saheb'

Speaking after inaugurating the annual event, Baraguru Ramachandrappa appreciated Rangayana for organising the National Theatre Festival with the theme 'Baba Saheb' and added that whenever Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was remembered, the Constitution would come into mind and through the Constitution, people remembered democracy.

"Dr. Ambedkar, during his speech on Nov. 25, 1949, had mentioned about three democracies — political democracy, economic democracy and social democracy. While political and economic democracies are interconnected, there is a need to prioritise social democracy," he opined. "In recent times, there have been a lot of deliberations on freedom and equality, but to what level the aspirations of equality are implemented in the society has to be thought in depth," he added.

Equality in film industry

Ramachandrappa also mentioned that it was important to study social democracy and equality in the film industry.

(See BAHUROOPI on page 7)

Chain-snatching, burglaries

Mandya Police arrest two from Mysuru

Gold, silver ornaments worth Rs. 32 lakh seized

Mandya SP V.J. Shobharani addressing media persons yesterday.

Mandya, Jan. 11 (BCT)- The Mandya District Police have arrested two inter-district criminals from Mysuru, who were involved in bike-borne chain-snatching incidents and house burglaries.

Gold and silver ornaments worth Rs. 31.98 lakh, along with two motorcycles, have been seized.

Announcing this at a press conference at her office yesterday, Mandya Superintendent of Police V.J. Shobharani said that the arrested accused are Saddam Hussein alias Saddam (32), a resident of Shanthinagar, Mysuru and Syed Ayub (32), a resident of Rajivnagar, Mysuru.

Police recovered 253 grams gold ornaments, 178 grams silver ornaments, a Pulsar motorcycle and an Access scooter used in crimes. The total value of the seized property is Rs. 31,98,100, she said.

(See ARREST on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 11th January 2026

Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert at Ganabharathi

Samarth Nagarkar

Veerabhadraiah

Sagar Bharatraj

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha, Mysuru, has organised a Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert by **Samarth Nagarkar** at Ganabharathi Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (Jan. 12) at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by **Veerabhadraiah Hiremath** on harmonium and **Sagar Bharatraj** on tabla. Entry is free.

Profile: Samarth Nagarkar has performed both as a soloist in the traditional presentation format as The Samarth Nagarkar Khyal Ensemble and as a collaborator with several genres of music such as jazz, Iraqi maqam, conducted improvisation and western classical. He has several solo and collaborative albums and has authored the much-lauded book, 'Raga Sangeet.'

Trained under distinguished gurus, Ulhas Kashalkar and Dinkar Kaikini, he represents the Gwalior, Agra and Jaipur Gharanas and is a former scholar of the ITC Sangeet Research Academy, Kolkata.

Samarth is a voting member of the Recording Academy, popularly known as the Grammys.

A recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in the Arts from NAKA, he is one of the Founding-Members of Brooklyn Raga Massive and Co-curator of their Colours of Raga concert series.

Samarth presently runs Raga Sangeet Creative and is among the first to scale digital platforms like Patreon in the Indian classical music world, pioneering new avenues of audience engagement, music education, mentorship and monetisation.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REALISATION OF GOD: ***Some may ask who created the world and human beings. Scriptures declare that God is the Creator, though He is not visible to our physical eyes. Therefore, we must accept the truths revealed by elders, the Sastras and Acharyas. One should not reject the existence of the Creator merely because He is not perceptible to ordinary senses, nor should one argue against Him using limited human logic.***

Acharya Ramanuja declares that the realisation of God and the experience of the Divine are possible only through the authority of the Sastras. In his work "Sri Bhashyam", he refers to Sastra-yonitvat, emphasising that the Sastras alone are the valid means to know that which is beyond the reach of our senses and intellect.

Dr. Venkatesh said in a discourse that the rishis and azhwars are spiritual scientists. Through the subtle microscope of "tapas", they conducted profound inner research and revealed their realisations in the form of the Sastras and the Divya Prabandham. We, on the other hand, are like small children in the realm of spirituality. By learning, reflecting and practising more and more with proper guidance, we gradually reach a state in which we can realise God and experience His Divinity. Though the physical eyes cannot perceive God, He can be realised and experienced inwardly through pure insight or wisdom and a heart sanctified by devotion.

Our Acharyas, through their illumined intellect and profound spirituality, have experienced the supreme divine bliss. When we walk in their footsteps with faith and discipline, we are also blessed to partake of that very same bliss.

—In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Poverty Challenge' sparks outrage

Seoul: The 'poverty challenge', a new social media trend in South Korea that sees rich individuals flaunting their wealth while ironically referencing poverty, has sparked outrage in the Asian country.

'Poverty Challenge' features users posting images of sports cars, luxury goods, designer fashion and expensive homes and mixing in budget items like instant noodles, while complaining about "unbearable poverty." It started out as a joke, but soon became a controversial social media trend that many believe trivializes economic hardship.

Critics worry that trends like the "poverty challenge" reflect a declining social sensitivity toward economic hardship, and a widening divide between affluent consumers and those facing economic hardships.

Mysterious pink skies amid snowfall

Birmingham: Residents of England's West Midlands saw the sky illuminated in a mysterious pink hue amid a snow storm -- and the cause turned out to be soccer-related.

Locals in areas including Birmingham, Hednesford, Small Heath and Bordesley Green reported the sky glowing pink during Thursday evening's snowfall, and the cause turned out to be LED lights set up to help grass grow at soccer stadiums.

Grahame Madge, a spokesman for England's Met Office, explained the lights are the perfect colour to end up amplified by the snow storm.

"The blue wavelengths of light are more easily scattered by snow or water droplets allowing the longer wavelengths -- such as red and orange -- to get through. This can have the effect of turning colours more pink or orange," he said.

"That pink glow was in fact our LED pitch lights helping the grass grow, keeping us ready to chase three points, not the aurora. Who knew a bit of pitch care could create so much interest!" Hednesford Town Football Club said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Modern Urology Focuses on Preserving Quality of Life

Today's urological care aims to protect kidney, bladder, and sexual function while resolving disease, prioritizing long-term well-being.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology, Andrology & Transplant Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert marks Day-6 of Ch. Hill Kotharotsava

Dr. Veena Ravikumar presenting Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert at Chamundi Hill Temple premises last evening as part of 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' music programme. She is accompanied by Vid. Narahari on violin and Vid. Shridhar on mridanga. Today (Jan. 11), Vani and troupe, Mysuru, will give a Flute Concert between 6 pm and 9 pm.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.45 feet**	Today's level **2,275.81 feet**	Today's level **2,828.79 feet**
Last year's level **124.22 feet**	Last year's level **2,280.51 feet**	Last year's level **2,835.57 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.49 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.84 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,828.69 feet**
Today's Inflow **809 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **379 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **292 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,235 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Starfish only live in salt water, which means you'll only find them in the Ocean.*
- *Starfish can live in a variety of different climates, both warm and cold, and can be found everywhere from the Indian and Pacific Ocean to right here in our local waters.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A passenger told a taxi-driver to slow down the speed, as he used a taxi for the first time.
The driver replied: *Don't worry. I am driving this taxi for the first time.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 90.27
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 120.98
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.58
1 Euro	= Rs. 105.01

VOICE OF THE READER

Brindavan Garden's neglect hard to ignore

Sir,

I recently visited Brindavan Gardens at Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and was appalled at the state of this once-beautiful tourist attraction.

It is disheartening to see a place with so much potential receive so little attention in terms of cleanliness, upkeep and overall maintenance.

The neglect is visible right from the parking lot, where plastic waste is thrown everywhere. I initially assumed it was just the outer area, but to my utter disappointment, the inside was no different. Plastic waste, straws and food wrappers were all over the garden.

The tiled pathways are broken and unfinished, and water from some leakage flows directly onto the walkways. Even the fountain water looks like it hasn't been cleaned in months.

The children's play area, despite having good equipment, has met the same fate. Weeds grow under the slides and a few swings are broken.

The authorities managing Brindavan Gardens have a lot to learn from how Mysuru Zoo, Karanji Lake and other popular tourist spots in the city are maintained. A location that draws thousands of visitors deserves far better care.

—Madhura Puranik
Mysuru
29.12.2025

Governor returns Chamundeshwari Temple Bill, seeks clarifications

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (BCT)- Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has returned Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Bill to the State Government, seeking clarifications.

The State Government had forwarded a total of 22 Bills, passed by both the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council, to the Governor for assent. Of these, the Governor has given assent to 19 Bills. However, Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Bill has been returned for clarification.

It may be recalled that the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family has objected to the State Government's enactment of the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Act, 2024, which was subsequently passed by the Karnataka Legislature.

Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar has moved Karnataka High Court, challenging the Act, terming it unconstitutional. The Writ Petition is currently pending before the High Court.

Thaawarchand Gehlot

Pramoda Devi has contended that Chamundeshwari Temple and other temples are private properties of the Royal Family and alleged that the Government has attempted to take over their ownership, control and management.

"The Maharajas opposed the State's attempts to bring the temple and its properties under the jurisdiction of Muzrai Department and to acquire them illegally. A Writ Petition filed in the High Court in 2001 on this issue is still pending. Despite this, the Government enacted Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Act, 2024, on March 7, 2024, to take over ownership. This has been challenged in Court as unconstitutional," she contended.

Hate Speech Bill

Meanwhile, Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill passed by the Assembly remains under the Governor's consideration, while Karnataka Scheduled Castes (Internal Reservation) Bill has also been returned to the Government seeking clarification, according to a statement issued by the Governor's Special Secretary, R. Prabhu Shankar.

The Hate Speech Bill has drawn sharp opposition from the BJP, which has urged the Governor not to grant assent. Reports suggest that the Governor is consulting legal experts and that there is a possibility the Bill may be referred to the President.

The proposed legislation provides for penalties of up to Rs. 1 lakh and imprisonment of up to seven years for violations.

Yoga University awards Ph.D in Spiritual Science

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Pushpa Nayak Bhat was awarded Ph.D. in Spiritual Science by the Yoga University of the Americas, Miami, USA, during the 9th Convocation held at the Global Yoga Summit recently.

Conducted under the guidance of Yoga Guru Dr. K. Raghavendra Pai, her thesis explores "Professional Enrichment of Psychological Counsellors by Inculcating the Qualities of Lord Krishna - The Supreme Counsellor."

Pushpa Bhat

The study highlights how Krishna's strategic and empathetic communication in the *Bhagavad Gita* can enhance modern therapeutic practices.

Wife of U. Yogesh Bhat, Dr. Pushpa is the daughter of B. Prakash Nayak and Kesari P. Nayak of Mysuru.

MRM Prakashana Award presentation tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Publisher Ganesh Amingad of Kavitha Prakashana, Mysuru, has been selected for MRM Prakashana Award and Poet K.P. Mruthyunjaya of Mandya has been selected for MRM Sahitya Award, given by MRM Prakashana, Mandya.

Ganesh Amingad

Both the awards, carrying a cash reward of Rs. 10,000, will be presented during the first anniversary celebrations of MRM Prakashana to be held at Sri Ramakrishna Seva Kendra High School in Yachenahalli of T. Narasipur tomorrow (Jan. 12) at 2 pm.

The book 'Avadhoota Madappa,' written by Sri Ramakrishna Seva Kendra President Sri Nadanandanatha Swamiji and 'The Copy: A Fatal Pattern,' authored by Medical Student S.P. Nidhi, will be released on the occasion.

Yachenahalli Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Society President Y.N. Shankaregowda will inaugurate the programme. Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana Mutt Pontiff Dr. Nischalanandanatha Swamiji will release the books.

Writer Adeeb Akhtar will felicitate the awardees. Publisher and Mandya University Kannada Lecturer Umesh Dadamahalli will speak about Nidhi's book.

Karnataka Janapada Academy award recipient Channajamma will also be felicitated on the occasion. Sri Nadanandanatha Swamiji will preside over the programme.

Will Chamundi Hill works overshadow iconic Gopura?

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (BLU&BCT)- Will the ongoing development works atop Chamundi Hill under the Union Government's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), including the proposed construction of a multipurpose activity stage adjacent to the main Gopura of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, overshadow the iconic structure?

The towering Gopura is regarded as the crown jewel of Mysuru. Visible from almost every part of the city, it inspires Mysureans to bow in reverence to the presiding deity, Goddess Chamundeshwari, at the very sight of it.

Concerns have now been raised that the Gopura's visibility may be partially obstructed by the proposed multipurpose stage on the right side of the temple.

While contractor Sujay Kumar Shetty has stated that stage will be 10 to 15 feet high, sources

indicate that it could exceed 20 feet, triggering fears that a portion of Gopura may be obscured.

Devotees and traditionalists have opposed the new development works on Chamundi Hill, arguing that such projects compromise the sanctity and visual integrity of the heritage site. Last week, several local organisations in Mysuru staged a protest against the construction.

Sri Chamundeshwari Temple dates back to Hoysala period, while the Gopura was built in the 17th Century by the Vijayanagara rulers and later renovated in the 19th Century during the reign of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. The seven-tiered Dravidian-style Gopura, adorned with intricate white-and-gold sculptures of deities, remains one of Mysuru's most iconic landmarks.

City firm wins Bronze Medal for plastic waste innovation

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (BCT)- Jagruth Tech, a Mysuru-based waste management company, has brought recognition to the region by winning a Bronze Medal at the Bangkok International Intellectual Property, Invention, Innovation and Technology Exposition (IPITEX).

Held in Thailand from Jan. 5 to 9, IPITEX showcased promising inventions and innovations by international inventors, aimed at fostering collaboration between Thai and global innovators and organisations. The medal was conferred on Jagruth Tech following an evaluation by experts from National Research Council of Thailand, recognising the company's patented technology.

Among nearly 800 inventors from 20 countries, Jagruth Tech's innovation stood out for its focus on converting non-recyclable plastic waste into sustainable construction products.

The company has developed a solution to recycle single-use, low-value plastic waste by converting it into low-carbon-footprint products such as interlocking pavers and plywood alternative sheets. It collaborates with MCC to recycle plastic waste produced daily.

NEWS BRIEFS

Prasaranga books at Bahuroopi

With the week-long Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival taking place at Rangayana in Kalamandira premises from Jan. 11 to 18, the University of Mysore's Prasaranga has put up a stall in Rangayana premises, during which books published by Prasaranga are sold at a special discount price in this period (Jan. 11-18). Theatre-lovers and members of the public visiting Rangayana for Bahuroopi Theatre Festival, are appealed to make good use of this discount sale of books. Also, the discount sale will continue at Prasaranga Main Office on Hunsur Road and at the outlet at Ramaswamy Circle till Jan. 31 as announced earlier.

Children's Literary Club Programme

Children's Literary Club has organised 'Strengthening the English of Kannada Medium Students-2' programme by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, at Bharati Sthree Samaj School in Yadavagiri at 1.30 pm tomorrow (Jan. 12), according to a press release.

Power disruption on Jan. 13

Due to emergency maintenance works at 66/11 KV line power Transmission centres at Golur, Suttur, Devanur & EHT installation, there will disruption of power between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm on Jan. 13 in the following villages/ areas of Nanjangud taluk — Mahadevanagar, Golur, Vidyapeetha, Geekalli, Horalawadi, Mullur, Basaveshwaranagar, Alambur, Alambur Munti, Kullankanahundi, Hosur, Nagarle, Biligere, Mallupura, Suttur, Tagadur, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Alaganchi, Hedathale, Konanur, Nerale, Hemmaragala, Kavalande and Reid & Taylor Factory, Kayati Steel Factory, according to a press release issued by CESC Nanjangud Division.

City Co-operator for Republic Day in Delhi

Shankare Gowda

Senior Co-operative Society Director Y.N. Shankare Gowda, who has been awarded 'Sahakari Ratna' award by the State Government for the year 2025-26, has been selected by NABARD for the Republic Day ceremony in recognition of his outstanding achievement and contribution, according to a press release.

Cleanliness drive at Kukkarahalli Lake

Civic volunteers, students and the general public collected 410 kg of trash from Kukkarahalli Lake premises yesterday. Picture right shows children participating in the painting competition held as part of Swachh Survekshan 2025–26.

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (BLU&BCT)- As part of preparations for Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had organised a cleanliness drive and children's drawing competition at Kukkarahalli Lake in city yesterday.

The one-hour programme began at 7 am from Kuvempu Vana near the railway gate, where civic volunteers and students collected waste, including plastic and food litter, from across the lake premises.

NSS and NCC students from the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Maharaja Institute of Technology, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering and Yuvaraja's College actively participated in the drive.

Members of Mysore Grahakara Parishat, Clean Mysuru Foundation, Raghulal & Co. and other voluntary organisations also joined, contributing to large-scale lake cleaning efforts.

Officials and staff of MCC, including Swachh Bharat Mission Nodal Officer K.S. Mruthyunjaya, Assistant Executive Engineer Meenakshi, Environmental Engineers, Health Inspectors, Supervisors and Pourakarmikas, participated and supported for the success of the programme.

A total of 410 kg of trash was collected during the drive.

Winners of the drawing competition were felicitated with prizes and certificates:

1st place: Veena Kumari, 5th Std, KP Convent School; **2nd:** G. Harshith, 7th Std, Pragathi Vidya Kendra; **3rd:** Anvitha, 4th Std, Amrutha Vidyalaya.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness about cleanliness and encourage community participation in maintaining public spaces.

Swachh Survekshan: Sweep Up

- **MCC ready with slew of plans to reclaim top rankings this year**
- **Field survey, assessment by Central team of evaluators from Feb. 15**
- **Meeting of stakeholders, associations, industries from Jan. 13 at MCC**

Mysuru, Jan.11 (BLU&BS)- With Swachh Survekshan-2026 in the offing, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has resolved to make it to the top in the ranking list across the country. To bolster the efforts towards grabbing the top spot, MCC has planned systematic and effective programmes, appealing active participation of the public to reclaim the top ranking.

To evaluate cleanliness quotient of the city, a team of evaluators constituted by the Central Government, is scheduled to visit city on Feb. 15. A month prior to the team's visit, MCC has planned a series of meeting of various stakeholders from Jan. 13 at its Old Council Hall. The stakeholders include — Market Associations, Hotel Owners Association, Marriage Hall Owners Association, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MCCI), Autorickshaw Drivers Association, Taxi Drivers Association, Tonga Association, State and Central Government Employees Association, Industries Associations and Apartment Associations. The office-bearers of these Associations, will be briefed on parameters to be followed towards maintaining cleanliness.

Making apt use of available men and machineries toward the maintenance of cleanliness of the city, Pourakarmikas and Sweeping Machines, will be put to use effectively.

Pourakarmikas, roads list

K.S. Mruthyunjaya, AEE and Nodal Officer of Swachh Bharat Mission said "It has been decided to engage Pourakarmikas in cleanliness work of the city in two shifts. MCC has 1,765 permanent and outsourced Pourakarmikas. One team will be deployed on duty from 6 am to 4 pm and another team from 2 pm till night. The supervisors will oversee the work of Pourakarmikas. A list of Pourakarmikas and the streets allotted to them for cleanliness is already prepared. Most importantly, they will be deputed on cleaning task in the Central Business District (CBD) area, throughout the night."

Route Map

For Sweeping Machines too, a route map is ready. MCC has a total of five Sweeping Machines, which will be deputed in the heart of the city covering D. Devaraj Urs Road, Shivarampet, Palace surroundings, Ashoka Road, Sayyaji Rao Road among others. On the other end, Hunsur Road, H.D. Kote Road, Mysuru-Nilgiri Road, Bannur Road and T. Narasipur Road among others will also be cleaned. However, the machines will hit the roads only during night hours.

Clean City Rankings

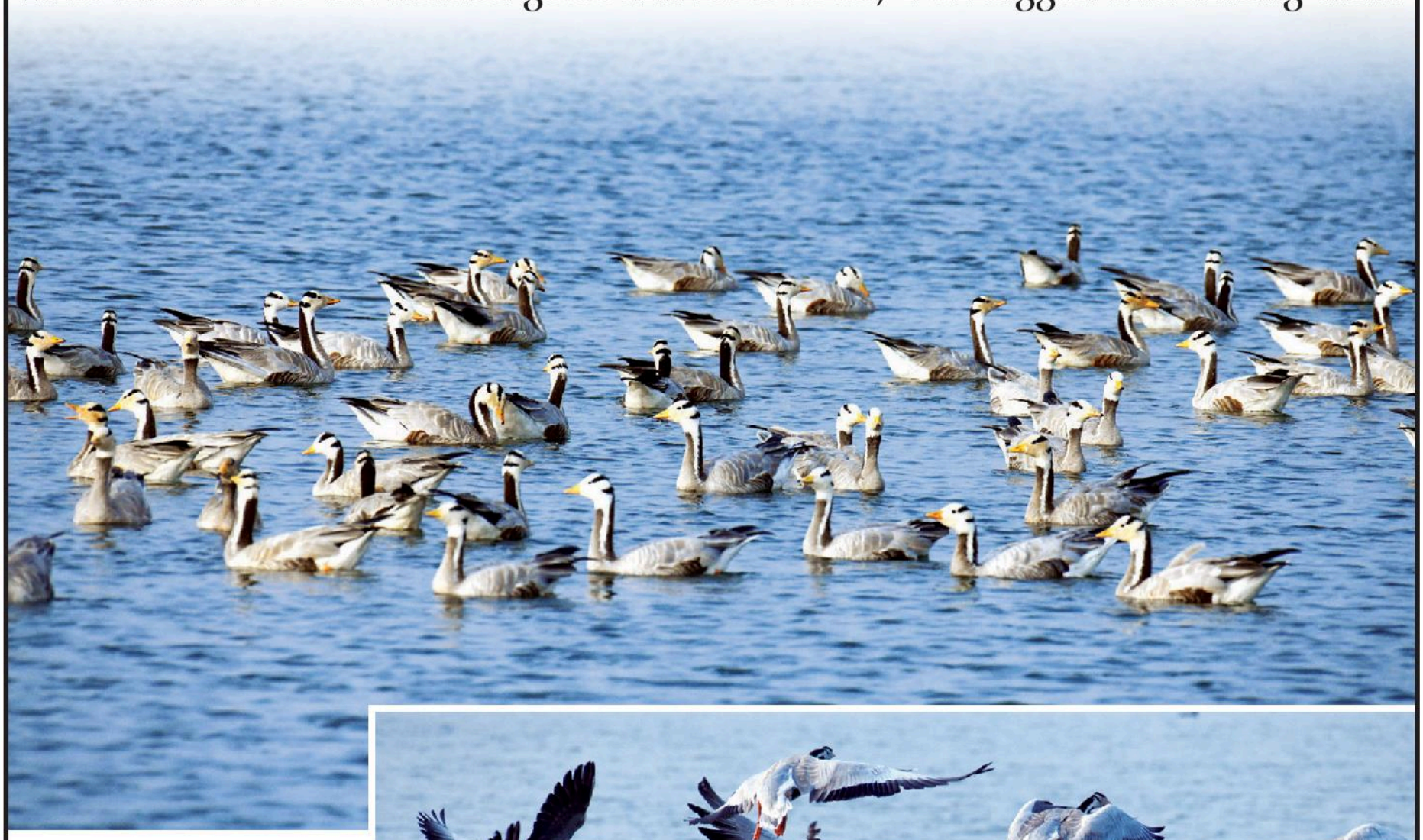
The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, initiated Swachh Survekshan in the year 2015-16. The Cultural Capital Mysuru emerged as No.1 in Clean City rankings in the country. The City retained the ranking in the subsequent year of survey in 2016-17. However, the city failed to repeat its feat in the later years of surveys. The city secured eighth rank in 2023. While in 2024-25 survey, the city secured the third spot in the Super Swachh League (SSL) for cities with 3-10 lakh population.

World's biggest...

Billed as the world's biggest survey, Swachh Survekshan intends to promote a healthy competition among cities to maintain cleanliness. The data related to cleanliness of roads and streets, door-to-door garbage collection, quality of drinking water will be evaluated. Along with cleanliness, the survey is keen on making the nation Open Defecation Free. The rankings are allotted by population-wise categories of the cities.

Himalayan high-fliers touch down at Hadinaru Lake

First batch of 253 bar-headed geese arrives to roost; T-34-tagged bird among them



A flock of bar-headed geese from Mongolia roost at Hadinaru Lake near Mysuru. *[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (MTY&KS)- As many as 253 bar-headed geese from Mongolia, having crossed the formidable Himalayan ranges, have arrived at Hadinaru Lake on the Mysuru-Nanjangud border, a favoured winter roosting site for the bird species.

Among the first batch is a T-34 tagged goose, whose photograph has been captured by a tourist, adding excitement among bird-watchers and researchers.

With the arrival of these migratory birds, the sprawling lake — located about 25 kms from Mysuru city, near the perennial Kabini River in Chikkayyana Chatra Hobli of Nanjangud taluk — has once again turned into a bird-watchers' hotspot.

The birds are easily identified by the distinctive black bars on their heads and their characteristic goose-like honking calls.

As paddy harvesting draws to a close in the region, the geese migrate to Hadinaru Lake, attracted by the abundant food availability in and around the water body. By Jan. 15, when harvesting is fully completed, the lake is expected to be teeming with these birds.

World's highest-flying birds

Every year, bar-headed geese — among the world's highest-flying birds — undertake an extraordinary journey of nearly 4,850 kms, crossing the Himalayas from Mongolia, Kazakhstan and Russia to reach Hadinaru Lake.

During migration, they fly at altitudes higher than Mount Everest, enduring low oxygen levels and freezing temperatures to reach their wintering grounds in South Asia, including peninsular India.

Short winter days and longer nights in the Northern Hemisphere make it difficult for the birds to find sufficient food, prompting their migration south. While they prefer India's warmer climate during winter, their bodies are remarkably adapted to survive extreme cold during their epic journeys.

Four-month trip

The geese, which arrive in January or February, remain in the region for about four months before returning north. They feed primarily on paddy grains, resting in the lake during the day and foraging in nearby fields at night. Bird-watchers note that their droppings act as natural manure, making them "friends of farmers."

Locally known as 'Parvatakki' — meaning mountain birds in Kannada — the bar-headed geese are crepuscular feeders, active during dusk and late evenings. They feed on harvested rice stubble near the lakes they visit and spend the daytime resting safely in the middle of vast water bodies, basking in the warm winter sun.

Meanwhile, bird-watchers, nature-lovers and wildlife conservationists have urged visitors to observe the birds in silence and avoid disturbing them by throwing stones or sounding vehicle horns in an attempt to get close photographs.

Thousands take part in 'Fit Mysuru Walkathon'

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (GA&BCT)- Braving biting cold and drizzles, thousands of Mysureans participated in the 'Fit Mysuru Walkathon' in city this morning, spreading awareness about cleanliness and healthy living.

The five-kilometre walkathon was organised by University of Mysore (UoM) in association with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA), GSS CSR, Gym Association and other organisations.

People from all age groups, from the elderly to the young, began gathering as early as 5 am at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri and joined the walk with enthusiasm.

After registration, they donned white T-shirts and caps and prepared for the walk. The event began with a lively Zumba warm-up session.

Nadageethe, Vande Mataram rendition

The programme formally commenced with the singing of the *Nadageethe* (State Anthem) and *Vande Mataram*, followed by a collective reading of the Preamble to the Constitution. MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif administered the cleanliness pledge to the participants.

Addressing the gathering, District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa described the walkathon as a commendable initiative.

Referring to recent trends, he noted that youngsters in the 16-39 age group are increasingly falling victim to heart attacks due to lifestyle-related diseases. Morning walks, he said, provide fresh air and help improve overall health while the responsibility of maintaining Mysuru's cleanliness ultimately rests with its residents.

Five-km route

The walkathon was flagged off at 6.30 am by Dr. Mahadevappa and mountaineer Dr. Usha Hegde. The walk began at the Open Air Theatre and passed through Kukkarahalli Lake Road (Bogadi Main Road), Saraswathipuram Fire Station, Krishnaraja Boulevard opposite Maharaja's College Grounds, continued on Hunsur Road and reached Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) signal before concluding at Senate Bhavan.

Drinking water was provided at every kilometre, while medical and ambulance facilities were stationed along the route. Breakfast arrangements and separate parking facilities were also made for the participants.

Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, MLCs K. Shivakumar and C.N. Manjegowda, Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, D. Srihari of GSS and others participated in the walkathon.

Mandya Police arrest two from Mysuru

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Case history

The case dates back to June 28, 2025, around 6.15 pm, when Saritha, wife of Mahadev, was walking in Chikkegowdanadoddi village of Malavalli taluk.

Two unidentified miscreants arrived on a motorcycle from the Kirugavalu Market side, snatched a two-string *mangalsutra* chain weighing about 35 grams and fled. A case was registered at Kirugavalu Police Station.

To trace the culprits, a special team was formed under the guidance of Additional Superintendents of Police C.E. Thimmaiah and Gangadharaswamy, and Dy.SP Yashwanth Kumar and led by Circle Inspector Sridhar.

Arrest in Mysuru

Acting on specific information, Kirugavalu Police Sub-Inspector D. Ravikumar and his team arrested the accused in Rajivnagar, Mysuru.

During interrogation, the Police found that the first accused, Saddam Hussein, had an assault case registered against him in Mysuru. The second accused, Syed Ayub, is involved in as many as 38 theft cases across Shivamogga, Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Davanagere districts.

Further, cases against the duo are registered at several Police Stations, including three at Kirugavalu, one at Nagamangala, two at Malavalli Rural and one each at Mysuru and Davangere Vidyanagar Police Stations.

The arrest operation involved Police personnel Riyaz Pasha, Prabhuswamy, Siddaraju, Srinivas, Madhukiran, N.C. Shivakumar, Rafeeq Nadaf, Nagesh, Ravikiran, Lokesh, B. Basavaraju, Mahadevaswamy and Nagaraju.

Additional SPs C.E. Thimmaiah and Gangadharaswamy, Dy.SP Yashwanth Kumar, Circle Inspector Sridhar and Sub-Inspector D. Ravikumar were present at the press conference.

Minister inspects Chamundi Hill landslide site, pending wall works

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inspecting the partially completed retaining wall between View Point and Nandi Statue atop Chamundi Hill this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (BCT)- Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa visited Chamundi Hill this morning to inspect repair works at the stretch between the View Point and the Nandi Statue, where heavy rains had triggered major landslides and road collapse.

During the inspection, the Minister sought details from officials on the construction of the concrete retaining wall, which is half-complete and directed them to complete the work at the earliest.

He noted that the road leading to the Nandi Statue has become narrow and unsafe, making it impossible for vehicles to pass, and instructed authorities to rebuild the road, adhering to proper quality standards.

Repeated landslides have severely damaged the road between the View Point and the Nandi Statue. A minor landslip occurred in 2019, followed by a major landslide on Oct. 20, 2021. Eleven days later, on Oct. 31, another landslide damaged nearly 80 per cent of the road. A third landslide struck on Nov. 4, 2021, barely 10 metres from the previous site.

Despite the severity of these incidents, the retaining wall remains incomplete even now, and the road continues to be closed.

The Minister was accompanied during the inspection by his Officer on Special Duty, Ravikumar and close aides Srinivas and Ramesh, among others.

KRS party to hold rally against drugs tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (MTY&DM)- As part of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, the Karnataka Rashtra Samiti (KRS) party has organised a Youth Convention and an awareness campaign against drug abuse in the city tomorrow (Jan. 12).

Announcing this at a press meet here recently, KRS City Youth Wing president K. Anand said the Youth Convention would be held at Town Hall at 10.30 am. An awareness rally against drug abuse will follow at 1 pm. The rally will commence from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises and pass via major thoroughfares before culminating at Basaveshwara statue near the junction of Chamaraja Double Road and New Sayyaji Rao Road.

Fraudsters create Kodagu SP's fake Facebook account

Do not respond to friend request, appeal Police

Madikeri, Jan. 11 (KS)- Miscreants have created a fake Facebook account of Kodagu District Superintendent of Police (SP) R.N. Bindu Mani and are sending friend requests to the public. Realising this, the Kodagu Police have appealed to the public not to respond or accept any such friend requests.

The fake Kodagu SP Facebook account came to light soon after Bindu Mani took charge as Kodagu SP. The fake account has been created under the name 'Bindu Mani IPS, SP Kodagu District' and friend requests have been sent to several people.

On Jan. 9, the fake profile became widely active, with friend requests being sent to journalists and other prominent individuals as well. While some people grew suspicious and checked the profile, a few others have reportedly accepted the friend request. After the matter came to the notice of Madikeri Police, the officials clarified that the Facebook account is fake and urged the public not to engage with the account in any manner. An investigation to identify the persons behind the fake account has been launched.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police on Jan. 1 found a body of an unidentified woman, who was run over by a moving train between Mysuru City and Ashokapuram Railway Stations.The body is kept at MMC&RI mortuary in city.

The deceased is aged between 35 and 40 years, 4.5 ft. tall, light brown complexioned, normal built and was wearing a floral design sky blue coloured saree with red border. The kith and kin, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Fire mishap at de-addiction centre in Sathagalli

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (PM&KS)- Fans, electric cables, almirah, files, clothes, table and a few beds were partially gutted in a fire mishap at a de-addiction centre at Sathagalli in city last evening.

The mishap took place at Best Life Foundation, a de-addiction centre, functioning in the second floor of a building, with SBI branch located at the ground floor, on Dr. Rajkumar Road in Sathagalli 1st Stage. Luckily, no injuries or loss of life was reported. Fire and Emergency Services personnel took more than an hour to douse the flames.

Though the reason for fire is yet to be ascertained, a few residents suspected that, the inmates of the Centre may have set the fire and fled from the spot.

No traces of possible short circuit were found, as the power supply to the entire building would have been cut off, if there was a short circuit. But power supply was not available only at the de-addiction centre.

As a precautionary step, CESC personnel, who rushed to the spot, disconnected the power supply to the entire building. There was not even a single person inside the de-addiction centre when the fire mishap occurred.

Udayagiri Police said they are yet to ascertain the cause of fire and investigation is underway.

"It is a minor fire mishap. Nothing grievous has taken place. It is not confirmed whether the inmates of the de-addiction centre had set the fire," the Police added.

District Fire Officer Ramesh, Ningaraju, Rajesh, Ramachandra Basappa Gudumi, Nandankumar, Suresh, Mohankumar and others took part in the fire extinguishing operation.

Bahuroopi begins

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"Cinema, which is a confluence of creativity and hard work, was not considered an art till 1940. However, it was only in the later years that it was recognised, bringing a great sense of relief to the people involved. Today, cinema, media and books have become an industry. While the industry demands profit, the media seeks patience," Baraguru Ramachandrappa pointed out.

Demand for mini talkies

Ramachandrappa, urging to safeguard independent movies, said that the State Government should open mini talkies across the State, similar to Kerala, to support such movies and movie-makers. "Kerala has been producing a good number of independent movies as that Government has extended its support for the industry. Previously, I had discussions with Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah about opening mini talkies all over the State, for which he had promised to look into the matter. However, there have been no results to date in this regard," he regretted.

Film Festival Convenor K. Manu delivered the keynote address. Karnataka Nataka Academy Chairman Dr. K.V. Nagarajamurthy, Ranga Samaja Members Lakshmi Chandrashekar, H.S. Suresh Babu and M.S. Jahangir, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur, Film Festival Co-ordinator B.N. Shashikala and others were present. The films will be screened at Sriranga auditorium in Rangayana premises between 10 am and 4.30 pm till Jan. 18.

Obituary

Leela

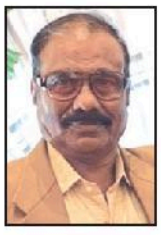
Mysuru, Jan. 11- Leela (88), wife of retired Health Inspector late M.B. Krishnappa and a resident of Madhuvana Layout in Srirampura, passed away yesterday morning in city. She leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Sindhaghatta village in K.R. Pet taluk this morning.

Saifulla Shariff

Saifulla Shariff (64), retired Southern Railways employee and a resident of Udayagiri 2nd Stage, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, brothers, sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed yesterday after Asar prayers (5 pm) at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Mustafa Kamal Pasha



Moulvi Munshi-o-Fazil Mustafa Kamal Pasha (76), retired Police Department employee and a resident of Alimiyan Road, behind Al Badar Circle in Rajivnagar, passed away following brief illness on Jan. 9 in city.

He leaves behind his mother, one son, sisters, brothers including former Chairman of Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee Shabir Ahmed Khan and a host of relatives and friends.

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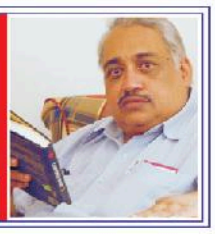
Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Madhav D. Gadgil

A lone walker, walks no more!

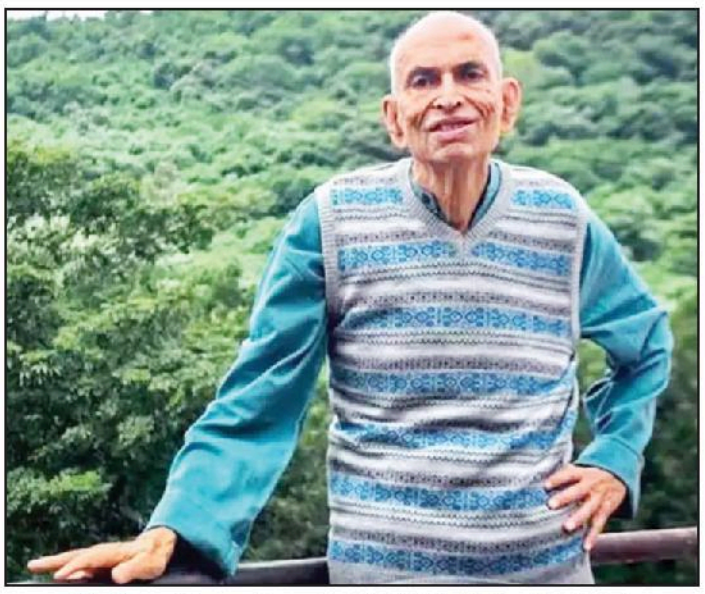
Let alone knowing him personally, I never had an occasion even to meet him or hear him speak, although I have read almost everything that he has written, especially by way of his half a dozen books, the best of which according to me is, *'A walk up the hill'*, which I feel, no man, woman or child, interested in our environment, should miss reading.

But I'm going to miss this man, **Madhav Dhananjaya Gadgil,** the little-known man who passed away in Pune, four days ago at the age of 83, for I used to see him as the right kind of medicine-man, for safeguarding the health of our environment in general and our magnificent **Western Ghats** in particular, which have nourished me and my forefathers, for nearly four full centuries.

My family lore has always told me that they moved over to the farthest reaches of the Ghats that long ago, for some very obscure reasons, open to much discussion, debate and even speculation.

But I have always been and I still remain, rooted to the deepest reaches and the loftiest heights of this most beautiful mountain range that brings rain, resources, sustenance and fair weather to the whole of peninsular India, making it a most wonderful place to live in. Yes, it is their imposing presence that goes to make the verdant and fertile landscape we South Indians live in, remarkably different from the vast yellow-brown and not so fertile lands, our other countrymen inhabit, north of this region.

Gadgil, a *Padma Shri* and *Padma Bhushan* awardee, was a scientist with admirable academic qualifications, who was either the head or a member of many high-level committees constituted by the government on different occasions, to address different problems, as they arose. But I do not wish to give an elaborate account here about these aspects of his personality and will therefore restrict myself to pointing out what was unique about him and his way of thinking.



Madhav Dhananjaya Gadgil [24.5.1942 - 7.1.2026]

As I know them, most ecologists and environmental activists can in a way, be called extremists, although I do not mean it in the present, most well-known connotation of the word. I use this term only because it best describes their extreme stand in the present ecological scenario. They either support human interests entirely or the interests only of the environment we humans dwell in.

The latter however, greatly outnumber the former, for reasons that are very interesting but are of no relevance to what I am writing here. But they all do tend to forget that these two elements, the people on one side and the environment on the other, just cannot exist as two separate entities, without affecting each other's lives and rights to existence.

This is where Gadgil was different, because he understood that co-existence was the only way forward and he therefore advocated treading the middle path, with caution, commonsense and concern for both man and beast. He argued that **wildlife protection laws (like India's Wildlife Protection Act, 1972)** often prioritise animals over human safety, creating absurd conflicts and called for a shift to more pragmatic, community-led conservation, citing Scandinavian models where regulated culling of predatory animals, manages populations for balance, stressing that human well-being too must get the necessary attention, in addition to species protection, especially in human-wildlife conflict zones.

He asked, **"If a human breaks into your home and attacks you, the law allows you to defend yourself, even if it means killing the intruder. Why should citizens lose that right and their lives, when the attacker is a wild animal? This is the contradiction people in conflict zones face every day. Their safety is treated as secondary."**

Criticising what he calls India's unscientific and ineffective approach to wildlife conflict, in an interview with *Hindustan Times,* Gadgil explained the rationale behind seeking hunting permissions and emphasised the need to shift power to local communities, advocating a democratic, decentralised, community-led model of wildlife governance.

Citing the rapidly escalating incidents of man-animal conflict involving leopards, wild boars and elephants and people who dwell in the fringes of our forests, Gadgil said he believes the debate over wildlife conflict management has reached an urgent phase. According to him, the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, effectively places leopards, wild boars, elephants and other species 'above human lives,' which he calls 'completely absurd.'

Scandinavia faced intense conflict with its wolf population. They see wildlife as a renewable commodity. When populations grow beyond the land's capacity to sustain them, they are culled to maintain balance. Local communities decide how much population can be supported and hunting permissions are issued accordingly.

Sweden, which is swarming with reindeer, follows the same principle. It has worked well for them. Their system is decentralised and pragmatic. They don't wait for tragedies — they prevent them."

He goes on to say, **"We must accept that culling certain animals is sometimes necessary for overall balance. This is not anti-conservation but, on the contrary, it is responsible conservation. Wildlife cannot be placed above human lives and coexistence does not mean tolerating human deaths and destruction of property. It means creating conditions where both humans and wildlife can thrive. India needs a scientific, humane, community-led conflict management system and the time to reform the old framework is now."**

Renowned Historian **Ramachandra Guha**, who has co-authored two books with Gadgil, summarises his unique qualities as a deep knowledge of his land and its people; profound intellectual originality; courage to oppose intellectual fashion; the ability to unite intellectual and practical agendas; strong democratic instincts; and an absence of cynicism.

At a time when we are seeing, across many regions of our country, a rapid increase in the incidents of man-animal conflict, very often with the tragic loss of human lives and the abject failure of the authorities in preventing these, with their present strategies, I feel that it is time for us to start taking some hard decisions and actions too, to set right this grim situation. Very unfortunately, most people who are themselves not affected by it, do not understand the vexing consequences of this increasing problem. **We must remember that human lives too are precious, just like and just as much as the lives of animals!**

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Chosen for Dr. Raj, Dr. Vishnu awards

Bengaluru, Jan. 11- The State Government has selected veteran actress Jayamala and film producer Sa.Ra. Govind for the prestigious Dr. Rajkumar Award for the year 2020 and 2021 respectively.

The Government also announced the names for Puttanna Kanagal Award and Dr. Vishnuvardhan Award for year 2020 and 2021.

While renowned Director M.S. Sathyu has been selected for Puttanna Kanagal Award-2020, Director Shivarudraiah has been selected for the year 2021.

Meanwhile, Pragathi Ashwath Narayan and senior actor M.K. Sundar have been selected for Dr. Vishnuvardhan Lifetime Achievement Award for 2020 and 2021 respectively.

The awardees will receive a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh each along with 50 gram gold medal.

Selected for Bayalata Academy Award

Nanjangud, Jan. 11- Artiste Shivabuddhi of Hallare village in Nanjangud taluk has been selected for Karnataka Bayalata Academy annual award for the year 2025. In a press release, Bayalata Academy Chairman Dr. K.R. Durgadas said that Hallare Shivabuddhi is engaged in string puppetry art for the past four decades.

Shivabuddhi

The Academy, taking note of his contribution to the field of arts, has selected him for the 2025 award, which will be conferred on him at a programme to take place at Dharwad in the first week of February. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation.

Cinemasana workshop on Jan. 17 and 18

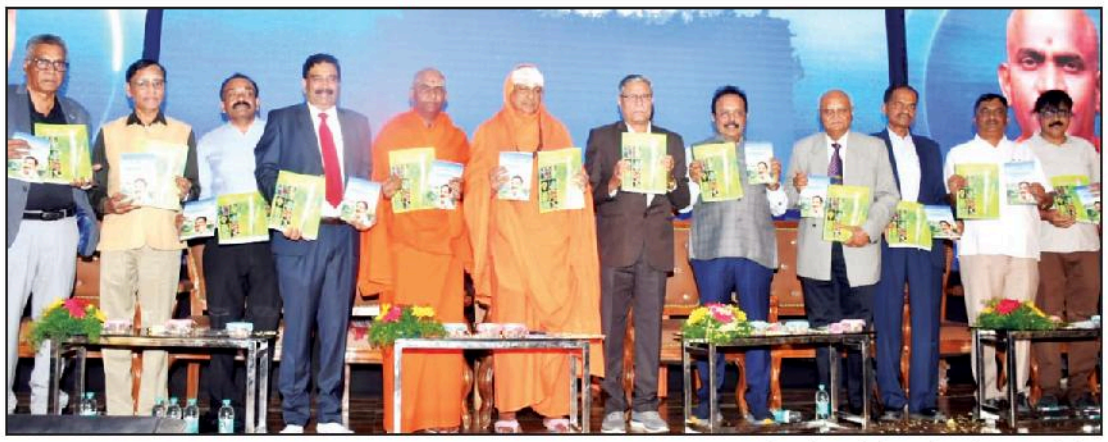
Mysuru, Jan. 11 (MTY&TRR)- A two-day Cinemasana workshop has been organised on Jan. 17 and 18 at the The Green Hotel in city.

Sharing details of the workshop at a press conference held at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city recently, violinist Sumanth Manjunath said that the event is being jointly organised by Mud Story Retreats and Anokhi Garden.

The workshop will be moderated by Kannada film 'Shivaji Suratkal' Director Akash Srivatsa. A US resident presently staying in Mysuru, Sandi Higgins, an actress and yoga teacher, will participate in the workshop which features Film-making Masterclass focussing on Directing, Writing, Acting, Editing and Marketing. For more details, contact Mob: 76195-70635.

Agro-based ventures offer viable future for youth, says Minister

Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura's books *Vasantha Vihara*, *Plant Doctor* released



Mysuru, Jan. 11 (VVH&DM)- Noting that it has become increasingly difficult for well-educated youth to secure Government or other suitable jobs, Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy suggested that young people explore agro-based industries and businesses.

He was speaking after inaugurating a book release and 'Vasanthotsava' felicitation programme jointly organised by Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura Abhinandana Samiti and Vismaya Book House to honour city-based agricultural scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus last Friday.

"It is comparatively easier to become an agro-based entrepreneur than to venture into commercial, manufacturing or trade businesses. Success can be achieved in this sector with sustained effort and relatively low investment. There are many instances of farmers owning just one acre of land becoming financially independent," Cheluvarayaswamy said.

Expressing concern over the shrinking of farmlands due to industrial growth and the real estate boom, the Minister advocated mixed farming, stating that it is economically more viable.

Karnataka Science and Technology Academy Chairman Rajasab said, the English version of Dr. Thimakapura's book 'Plant Doctor' had received the Academy's best book award. Dr. Thimakapura's two books, 'Vasantha Vihara' and 'Plant Doctor,' were released on the occasion.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Kengeri Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Sri Nischalanandanatha Swamiji graced the event. Former University of Mysore (UoM) Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna, Prof. S. Umesh, former International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics Deputy Director-General C.L. Lakshmipathi Gowda, UoM Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraja, Nypunya School of Excellence Chairman Raghu Kautilya, Prakash Chikkapalya of Vismaya Book House and others were present.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (JAN. 11)

DC Vs **GG**

Venue : Dr. D.Y. Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai

Time : 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH (JAN. 12)

RCB Vs **UPW**

Venue : Dr. D.Y. Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai

Time : 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

GG 207/4 (20 overs)
BEAT
UPW 197/8 (20 overs)

MI 195/4 (20 overs)
BEAT
DC 145 all out (19 overs)

Live action on: **JioHotstar & Star Sports Network**

State-level Senior Men's Kho-Kho Championship begins in city

MLA T.S. Srivatsa greeting Mysuru players during the inauguration of State-level Senior Men's Kho-Kho Championship in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (VVH&VNS)- Sports is one activity that develops discipline and patience in one's life, said MLA T.S. Srivatsa here yesterday.

He was speaking after inaugurating the State-level Senior Kho-Kho Championship-2026 for Men jointly organised by Karnataka Amateur Kho-Kho Association and Mysuru District Amateur Kho-Kho Association in memory of late N. Prakash, former President of Karnataka Amateur Kho-Kho Association, at Vivekananda Grounds in Kuvempunagar. Stating that sports was a medium that united everyone together, Srivatsa said, he was elated to witness players from various parts of the State taking part in the Championship.

Srivatsa, recalling the recently held Blind Cricket Tournament for women, expressed that the cricketers had displayed exemplary talent and spirit.

A total of 10 teams are taking part in the Kho-Kho Championship. The teams have been divided into 3 groups among which the top two teams will qualify for the next stage. Karnataka Amateur Kho-Kho Association will also select State senior men's team for the National-level during the State Championship.

Mysuru District Amateur Kho-Kho Association President Nagaraj V. Bairy, Senior Vice-Presidents C.S Manjunath & N. Jeevendra Kumar, Vice-Presidents B. Subramanya, H.R. Bhagavan & N. Ashok, Treasurer Sandesh Prakash, Karnataka Amateur Kho-Kho Assn. Secretary Chinnamurthy & Joint Secretary C.F. Jadar were present.

Bahuroopi Baba Saheb

25th National Theatre Festival at Rangayana

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 11)

JANAPADA UTSAVA
at Kindarijogi premises

6 pm : Karnataka Bayalata Academy Chairman Dr. Durgadas inaugurates Janapada Utsava (Folk Festival). Rangayana Mysuru Director Satish Tiptur chairs. ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju, Theatre Artiste Dr. Geetha Siddi, Ranga Samaja Member Shashidhar Bharighat and Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy chief guests. Rangayana Dy. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan & Janapada Utsava Co-ordinator Geetha Montadka will be present.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 12)

FILM FESTIVAL
at Sriranga Auditorium

10 am : Screening of 'Roots' (English - 1977); Director: David Greene.

12 noon : Screening of 'India Untouched: Stories of a People Apart' (English - 2007); 136 minutes; Director: K. Stalin.

2 pm : Screening of 'Phule' (Hindi - 2025); 123 minutes; Director: Ananth Narayan Mahadevan.

CHILDREN'S BAHUROOPI
at Kalamandira

10.30 am : Senior Theatre Artiste Rameshwari Verma inaugurates Children's Bahuroopi. Karnataka Nataka Academy Member Dr. Jahida, Ranga Samaja Members Dr. K. Ramakrishnaiah and Mahantesh Gajendragada chief guests. Rangayana Mysuru Director Satish Tiptur presides. Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Rangayana Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be present.

7.30 pm : Staging of play 'Mayadweepa' (Kannada); 95 minutes; Original: William Shakespeare; Script & Direction: Puneet Karta; Troupe: Nenapu Cultural and Education Charitable Trust, Bengaluru.

FORMAL INAUGURATION
at Vanaranga

5.30 pm : Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates Bahuroopi; Senior Theatre Artiste Heisnam Sabitri Devi of Manipur inaugurates Theatre Festival. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates the Books and Handicrafts Expo. Minister for Kannada & Culture Shivaraj S. Thangadagi releases the souvenir. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates Baba Saheb Photography Expo. Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose inaugurates painting expo. MLA K. Harishgowda presides.

6 pm : Musical Narrative of Baba Saheb by H. Janardhan, Gollahalli Shivaprasad, Devanand Varaprasad and troupe.

PLAY at Bhoomigeeta Auditorium

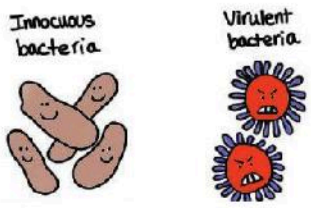
7.30 pm : Staging of play 'Ambedkar Collage' (Kannada); 120 minutes; Playwright: Kotiganahalli Ramaiah; Direction: Chidambararao Jambe; Troupe: Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru.

PLAY at Mini Theatre

7.30 pm : Staging of play 'Bag Dancing (English); 65 minutes; Playwright: Mike Kenny; Direction: Ujwalrao; Troupe: Bootai Trust, Bengaluru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Innocuous



Pronunciation: ih-NAH-kyuh-wus (adjective)
Meaning: Innocuous describes either something that is not likely to bother or offend anyone (as in "an innocuous comment"), or something that causes no injury, or is otherwise considered harmless (as in "an innocuous prank").
Origin: Innocuous is rooted in a lack of harm: it comes from the Latin adjective innocuus, which was formed by combining the negative prefix in- with a form of the verb nocēre, meaning "to harm" or "to hurt." It first appeared in print in the early 1600s with the meaning "harmless; causing no injury," as in "an innocuous gas," and soon developed a second, metaphorical sense used to describe something that does not offend or cause hurt feelings, as in "an innocuous comment." Innocent followed the same trajectory centuries before; its negative in- prefix joined with Latin nocent-, nocens, meaning "wicked," which also comes from nocēre. This is not to say that nocēre has only contributed words that semantically negate the harm inherent in the root: nocēre is also source of noxious and nuisance.
Example: "Strong solar storms can be dangerous for astronauts in space & can cause problems for GPS systems & satellites. ...But solar storms can also have more innocuous consequences on Earth, such as supercharged displays of northern lights." — Denise Chow, NBC News (online), May 15, 2025

THE ODD WORD

Sabaton

Foot-covering as part of suit of armour.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Turn over a new leaf

Meaning: To 'Turn over a new leaf' means to start over, to act in a different manner or change your attitude about something.
Origin: Way back in the 16th century, pages in books were referred to as leaves. So tuning over a new leaf meant that one was turning to a blank page. This idiom was used to signify a major change in behaviour, or a new stage in life.
Example: "After years of drifting from job to job, Danny turned over a new leaf and got himself a steady gig."

QUOTE BOX

A place for everything, everything in its place. **—Benjamin Franklin**

RIDDLE THIS

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1	7	9	6	3	4	2	8	5
5	3	7	2	4	8	6	1	9
6	2	4	7	1	9	8	5	3
9	8	1	3	5	6	7	2	4
7	1	6	5	9	2	3	4	8
2	9	5	4	8	3	1	6	7
8	4	3	1	6	7	5	9	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Woman
5 IIM grads.
9 Ultra High Frequency
12 Out of the storm
13 Cipher
14 New as a prefix
15 Pampering, cosseting
18 "Label" changed for a girl?
19 Russian ruler
20 Run a tab
22 Of high birth
26 ___ on : beginning to be understood by?
30 1200 hours?
31 Drunkard
32 Spy
34 Louse egg
35 Ballet skirt
37 Locomotives
39 Surrealist painter Max
41 Unseal - poetically speaking !
42 Interchange
45 Large pitchers
49 Is a trait of
53 Make a fuss of
54 Persia today
55 Rational - not crazy
56 Affirmative vote
57 Ms Sharma of Bollywood
58 Tints or shades

DOWN
1 A young sheep
2 A plant with medicinal properties?
3 A small wooded valley
4 Cowardly
5 Roman 1200
6 To ___ : excessively, in a way?
7 It all ____ up : somehow it all makes some sense?
8 Carrying chair
9 One as a prefix
10 Female fowl
11 Mist or smog
16 Shows boredom
17 Scientology founder, Hubbard (1,3)
21 One in Oldenburg
23 Piece of a skeleton
24 "Soil" anagram for a girl's name?
25 Tolkien's tree like creature
26 Sullen, severe
27 Memo starter
28 Prefix with "violence" or "performance"
29 Dancer type (2-2)
31 Fr. holy title
33 Scottish musician
36 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
38 Rather unused; not oldish
40 Mark ____ : Samuel Clemens's pen name?
43 A measure of area
44 Egyptian deity
46 Jacob's brother
47 "Erne" anagram for a French man
48 Nav. readings
49 Closest Pt. of Approach
50 Cry of the yachtsman!
51 Took food
52 Girl's name

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

T	U	P	I	■	I	P	A	D	■	H	A	H		
E	A	R	N	■	C	A	P	O	■	A	T	E		
E	R	O	S	■	E	X	P	L	O	R	E	R		
■	■	V	E	T	S	■	■	T	Y	P	E	D		
D	H	O	T	I	■	F	U	S	E	■	■	■		
O	A	K	■	C	A	E	N	■	Z	E	R	O		
I	L	E	■	■	C	R	U	■	■	V	I	A		
T	O	D	D	■	O	N	M	E	■	E	L	K		
■	■	■	O	I	L	S	■	W	A	R	E	S		
B	L	A	S	T	■	■	E	E	L	Y	■	■		
A	U	D	A	C	I	T	Y	■	D	D	A	Y		
L	L	D	■	H	A	R	E	■	E	A	S	E		
I	L	S	■	Y	S	E	R	■	R	Y	A	N		

1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	8	■	9	10	11
12				■	13				■	14		
15				16					17			
18					■	19				■	■	■
■	■	■	20		21	■	■	22		23	24	25
■	26	27				28	29	■	30			
31			■	32				33	■	34		
35			36	■	37				38			■
39				40	■	■	41			■	■	■
■	■	■	42		43	44	■	45		46	47	48
49	50	51					52					
53			■	54				■	55			
56			■	57				■	58			

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DXQRU DXVD OSQB, MQ. DXQRU DXVD

HSMUARDVSM, DUVPX.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS T

Friday's Cryptoquip: Multitasking means screwing up several things at once.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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	(S-2)	10.15 am, 6.05 pm
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	(S-4)	11.15 am, 3 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
Mark (K)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 7.25 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 10.20 pm
45 (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm

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The Raja Saab (Te)	:	11 am, 1.15 pm
		4.50 pm, 6 pm
		9.35 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	12.35 pm, 4.10 pm
		8.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	1 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4 pm, 8 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K-3D)	:	7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	9.15 am, 10.15 am, 11.15 am
		1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm
		4.45 pm, 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm
		8.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	10.50 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.15 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	6.15 pm
45 (K)	:	11.15 am
Mark (K)	:	11.20 am, 6.35 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Laalo - Krishna Sada Sahaayate (H)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	9.45 am, 10.30 am
		11.15 am, 1.30 pm
		2.15 pm, 3 pm
		5.15 pm, 6 pm
		6.45 pm, 9 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	11.40 am, 6.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	3.25 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 11)

- **National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC):** 'Silk Fab,' a Handloom and Silk Saree Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahaja Samrudha:** Desi Oil Mela, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Music Concert:** Vocal concert by Vid. Harish Venkataraman (US), accompanied by Vid. S. Venkatasundaram on violin and Vid. Chidatma Datta Chaganti on mridanga, Sri Mysore Vasudevacharya's house, near Basaveshwara Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, **5 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** Programme 'Learning Beyond Syllabus' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, Rangarao Memorial Residential School for the Differently Abled Girl Students, **5 pm.**
- **Nagarika Vedike and Poorna Prajna Vidyakendra, Mysuru:** Annual Day celebrations, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Nagarika Vedike President K.R. Srirangaiah presides, International Sportsperson Reena George chief guest, Adishakti Bandantamma Kalamma Samudaya Bhavana, New Kantharaj Urs Road, K.G. Koppal, **5 pm.**
- **Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru:** 15th Anniversary celebrations, Sridhar Aithal, President, Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, presides, Dr. T. Dayananda Chouta, former President of Bunts Association, Mysuru & Doctors Association, Mysuru and S. Sudhakar Rai, former Administrative Member, Karnataka State Cricket Association, chief guests, **5.30 pm;** Yakshagana 'Sri Ramanjaneya Kalaga' by Badagutittu students, written by Kadandale B. Ramaraya and directed by Manoj Bhat; Costumes & Make-up by Sri Brahmashree Kalavedike, Bengaluru, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**
- **Geeth Gaatha Chal-24:** Doctors' Musical Nite by doctors and their families, MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Hall, J.K. Grounds, **5 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Kalanidhi School of Dance, Mysuru:** Bharatanayam Rangapravesha of H.R. Leela, disciple of Guru Dr. Padmashri, accompanied by Guru Dr. Padmashri, Mysuru, on natuvanga, Vid. Nandakumar Unnikrishnan, Bengaluru, on vocal, Vid. Karthik Vaidhathri, Bengaluru, on mridanga, Vid. Mahesh Swamy, Bengaluru, on flute, Vid. Anantha Narayanan, Chennai, on veena and Vid. Mithun Shakthi, Bengaluru, on rhythm pad; Karnataka Kalashree Guru Pushpa Krishnamurthy, Director, Pushpa Performing Arts, Shivamogga, Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan, Artistic Directors, Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru and Bengaluru and Dr. B.V. Nandeesh, Assistant Director, Kannada & Culture Department, Mandya, guests of honour, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Amateur Kho-Kho Association:** Valedictory of State-level Senior Kho-Kho Championship-2026 for Men in memory of N. Prakash (former President, Karnataka Amateur Kho-Kho Association, Ekalavya Awardee and former Mayor of Mysuru); District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa distributes prizes, Builders' Association of India (BAI) Mysuru Centre Chairman and Mysuru District Amateur Kho-Kho Association (MDAKKA) President Nagaraj V. Bairy presides, Vivekananda Grounds, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Aghaharanandaji delivers talk on 'Swami Vivekananda Karmayoga' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Chamundi Hill Temple:** 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' Sangeetotsava, Karnatak Classical Flute Concert by Vani and troupe, Mysuru, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 12)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC):** 'Silk Fab,' a Handloom and Silk Saree Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** 'Strengthening the English of Kannada Medium Students-2' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, Bharati Stree Samaj School, Yadavagiri, **1.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** National Youth Day commemorating Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, garlanding of Swami's statue at Cheluvamba Park, Yadavagiri, procession to Ramakrishna Vidyashala campus, Yadavagiri, **3 pm.**
- **Chamundi Hill Temple:** 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' Sangeetotsava, flute recital by Vid. V. Mukunda and troupe, Bengaluru, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
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- **Jnanasarovara International Residential School Mysore (JIRSM):** Uthkarsha - 22nd Founder's Day celebrations, Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Director N. Vishnuvardhana chief guest, Department of PU Education (Bengaluru) Assistant Director Dr. Gubbigoodu Ramesh guest of honour, JIRSM Chairman Sudhakar S. Shetty presides, JIRSM Principal Shanthini Jerald and Secretary Sukalatha S. Shetty will be present, Abhinaya Amphitheatre, Jnanasarovara campus, **6 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha, Mysuru:** Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert by Samarth Nagarkar, accompanied by Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Sagar Bharatraj on tabla, Ganabharathi Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

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		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
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The Raja Saab (K)	:	3.25 pm
Mark (K)	:	12.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Raja Saab (Te)	:	9.45 am, 10.30 am, 11.15 am, 1.30 pm
		3 pm, 5.15 pm, 6 pm, 6.45 pm
		9 pm, 10 pm ,10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	10.20 am
The Raja Saab (H)	:	2.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.05 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Swati Puja

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Swati Puja has been organised at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch in Jayalakshmipuram on Jan. 12 as follows: 9 am - Sankalpa; 1.30 pm - Mahamangalarati & Teertha-Prasada Viniyoga.

There is no Prakarotsava in the evening on the occasion of Dhanurmasa, according to Temple Head Vid. K.R. Yoganarasimhan (Murali Iyengar).

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